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WE BELIEVE THAT THIS MIGHT BE THE MOST APPROPRIATE TIME (PRIOR AND CONCURRENT WITH VISIT TO SINGAPORE OF NEW ZEALAND MINISTER OF DEFENSE FRAZER) TO CONDUCT AN EXPERT SURVEY OF THE SENOKO FUEL FACILITIES. REFERENCE B RECOMMENDED SUCH A SURVEY IN ORDER FOR USN/DFSC TO DETERMINE FEASIBLE LIMITS OF FACILITY AND CHECK ACCURACY OF OUR COST ESTIMATES. BELIEVE THIS SURVEY BY A QUALIFIED FUEL FACILITY MANAGEMENT EXPERT IS ESSENTIAL PRIOR TO ANY APPROACH TO NZ ON SPECIFICS. IT COULD FURTHER SERVE AT THIS TIME TO ALLAY GNZ FEARS OF COMPLEXITY EXPRESSED REFERENCE (C). WHILE REALIZING THAT ULTIMATE GNZ DECISION IS A POLITICAL ONE, LOCAL NZ MILITARY COMMAND IS IN FAVOR OF SCHEME. THE VISIT OF A U.S. FUEL EXPERT NOW COULD ASSIST IN HAVING LOCAL NZ MILITARY MAKE MOST FAVORABLE PRESENTATION TO FRAZER DURING HIS VISIT.

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